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97 Second Street
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Location: 97 Second Street, Deposit, Broome County, New York

Present Owner: Martin and Linda Skojec

Present Occupants: Mr. and Mrs. Skojec; Richard Mayle, tenant

Present Use: Residence

Brief Statement of Significance: This frame house is an unusual composite of mid-nineteenth century architectural features that show the personal taste of a local carpenter.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners:

- 1859 - Deed of September 20, 1859, recorded in the Broome County Book of Deeds 57, page 148. Allen C. Dean sells to Eliza Dunbar. This is the first deed that can be located for this property.
- 1869 - Deed of August 19, 1869, recorded in the Broome County Book of Deeds 85, page 85. Eliza Dunbar sells to Sheldon Hyde "being the same premises on which the party of the second part [Hyde] has erected a dwelling house".
- 1888 - Deed of April 13, 1888, recorded in the Broome County Book of Deeds 168, page 76. Charles A. Hyde, nephew and administrator of Sheldon Hyde's estate sells to John P. Dean.
- 1903 - Deed of July 14, 1903, recorded in the Broome County Book of Deeds 195, page 315. John P. Dean transfers property by will to his wife, Fannie G. Dean.
- 1919 - Deed of February 8, 1919, recorded in the Broome County Book of Deeds 284, page 382. Fannie G. Dean sells to Roswell K. Palmerton.
- 1937 - Deed of February 10, 1937, recorded in the Broome County Book of Deeds 1142, page 954. Roswell K. Palmerton transfers property by will (life use)

to wife, Lillian Palmerton.

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- 1969 - Deed of March 7, 1969, recorded in the Broome County Book of Deeds 1146, page 809. Roswell K. Palmerton, Jr., sells under the will of Roswell K. Palmerton, Sr., to Laurence Cable.
- 1969 - Deed of February 11, 1969, recorded in the Broome County Book of Deeds 1146, page 816. Carla P. Tucker, Lucile P. Tyler and Roswell K. Palmerton, Jr., sell to Laurence Cable.
- 1969 - Deed of April 5, 1969, recorded in the Broome County Book of Deeds 1146, page 816. LeLand Rickard and Maude L. Palmerton sell to Laurence Cable.
- 1971 - Deed of February 11, 1971, recorded in the Broome County Book of Deeds 1167, page 461. Laurence Cable sells to Martin and Linda Skojec.

2. Date of erection: Between 1859, when the lot first appears in the deeds, and 1866, when a house is indicated in the Broome County Atlas.
3. Architect: Sheldon Hyde was a carpenter and appears to have practised his trade by making additions and alterations to the structure that he had built on the land before acquiring title in 1869. (See deed of August 19, 1869.) An April 7, 1867 mortgage with Hyde as mortgager states that the property is "known as Hyde's Castle" (Broome County Mortgages, liber 44, page 348).
4. Original plans, construction, etc.: The house was made in sections. The exterior is a combination of many architectural elements. The interior has different floor levels, suggesting different phases of construction.
5. Builder: Probably Sheldon Hyde.
6. Alterations and additions: About 1920, the front porch facing Second Street that was in front of the lower middle section was removed and different windows were placed in this section. The kitchen has been remodeled and there have been other minor interior modification.

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure:

The only early graphic representation of the building is the 1887 Bird's-eye Map of Deposit.

Information about Sheldon Hyde is located in various public records. An abstract of the records located for this survey is as follows. NY 4-DEPO 1-

Census Records:

- 1855 - Sheldon Hyde, age 40, carpenter, 20 years a resident, born in Albany, boarders with Hugeman (seventy-fourth family visited, no. 67 on census).
- 1860 - Sheldon Hyde, age 52, carpenter and joiner, value of property 3500, lives with Peter White (p. 199, line 40).
- 1865 - Sheldon Hyde, age 56, from Connecticut, boarders with Levi Turow (hotel-keeper), single, carpenter, owner of land (p. 58, line 45).
- 1875 - Sheldon Hyde, age 66, from Connecticut, single, carpenter, owner of land (p. 54, line 24).
- 1880 - No mention of Hyde.

Village Records:

- 1852 - Hyde is member of a hook and ladder company.
- 1858 - April 30, elected fire warden.
- 1865 - March 6, road tax is indicated.
- 1873, 1876 - tax was commuted for two properties.

Directories: Hyde is listed as a carpenter in 1869 and 1871 and as a carpenter and a farmer with 75 acres in the 1872 Child's Gazetteer. The 1866 Broome County Atlas shows Hyde as the owner of five buildings.

Other Records: Hyde lost several properties in 1870, but not Hyde's Castle (Broome County Foreclosers, Book 1, p. 162). Sheldon Hyde died on May 4, 1883, leaving Charles Hyde, a nephew, the closest living relative in New York (Estate No. 218, Broome County Surrogate Court).

Roswell K. Palmerton (1857-1937), who lived in the house for eighteen years, was a respected physician originally from Deposit. He was also health officer of the Town of Tompkins and a director of the Farmer's National Bank. He had his office on the left side of the building. (See Seward's History of Binghamton and Broome County, vol. 4, p. 256.)

C. Sources of Information:

Broome County Directories: 1869, 1871.

Broome County Atlases: 1866 (p. 47), 1876 (p. 111), 1908
(p. 28).

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Broome County Clerks Office.

Broome County Map: 1855.

Bird's-eye view May of Deposit: 1887.

Census records: 1855, 1860, 1870, 1880.

Child's Gazetteer of Broome County: 1872.

Mr. Raymond (Vic) Ruegger, Sanford town clerk, was helpful in
supplying information.

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Seward, William. History of Binghamton and Broome County.
Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1924. A copy is
located in the Broome County Historical Society, Roberson
Center for the Arts and Sciences, Binghamton, New
York.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

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